

CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

March 8, 2007

H.R. 1130 Judicial Disclosure Responsibility Act

As ordered reported by the House Committee on the Judiciary on February 28, 2007

CBO estimates that enacting H.R. 1130 would have no significant impact on the federal budget. H.R. 1130 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would not affect the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

H.R. 1130 would renew provisions of the Ethics in Government Act of 1978 involving the financial disclosure requirements for judges. The bill would prevent public disclosure of certain information if it is determined that such disclosure could endanger the individual. Those provisions (which expired in 2005) would be extended through 2009. The bill also would expand those protections to include information that could endanger a family member. Under the bill, the Administrative Office of the United States Courts (AOUSC) would be required to submit an annual report to the Congress specifying how often this authority is exercised and in what manner. Based on information from AOUSC, CBO estimates that implementing those provisions would have no significant impact on the federal budget. Enacting the bill would not affect direct spending or revenues.

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